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1. On 19 November 1950, the Infanterie Kaserne in Plauen (N 51/K 12) was occupied, as usual, by about 500 troops, who wore red-bordered black epaulets. Six AT guns of 37 to 75 mm and four 105-mm field howitzers were parked in the barracks yard and in front of the ordnance shops. Guns of these types have been previously observed there. The former drill hall apparently housed an armory, since repair work on artillery pieces was repeatedly observed there. Four house trailers and several field kitchens were parked beside the drill hall when the troops returned to the installation. Ammunition boxes and barrels for 75-mm AT guns were seen through the windows of one barracks building in which no troops were accommodated. All buildings located on Mitscherinstrasse, formerly Mettestrasse, were occupied by troops and lighted in the evening. The troops were exclusively engaged in technical work. Motor vehicles

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billeting area.

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2. The Hindenburg Kaserne quartered an estimated 800 to 1,200 troops who wore black-bordered crimson epaulets. Most of the troops were recruits. All barracks buildings were occupied and lighted in the evening. Maintenance work on AT guns of 37 to 57 mm and artillery drill with four heavy mortars of not less than 120 mm and not more than 150 mm were observed. Motor vehicles identified in the billeting

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Ammunition was stored in the former stable building facing Werderstrasse. The windows of the building were boarded up. Empty ammunition boxes were scattered in front of the former stable which was separated from the billeting area by a wire fence. The former drill hall was being converted into a theater. Adjacent to the drill hall was a garage.

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2. The AT artillery unit quartered in the Artillerie Kaserne was estimated at one company. The guns of the unit were stored in the large garage. Four AT guns of about 75 mm were seen through an open door. The second garage building, located on the western edge of the billeting area, was used as an ammunition storehouse. Ammunition boxes were seen through the windows. A signal unit was still quartered in the Artillerie Kaserne. The three radio stations previously reported were still there. They were located 200 to 300 meters southwest of the southwestern tip of the billeting area. A heavy overhead field cable was strung between the stations and the barracks installation. Motor vehicles [redacted] were identified at the Artillerie Kaserne. *

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